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1 October 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

SUBJECT:

Processing and Reproduction of

Reconnaissance Film

REFERENCE:

COMOR-D-25/46

The attached memorandum has been submitted by the DIA.

It is placed on the agenda of COMOR for consideration at the

meeting of 10 October.

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James Q. Reber Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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## Processing and Reproduction of Reconnaissance Film

Reference is made to your memorandum of 1 August 1963
outlining the general guidance for assigning tasks to processing
facilities. This has enabled us to plan better in advance for the
exploitation and readout cycle of IDEALIST Missions in the Far East.
In order that there not be any misunderstanding as to the intelligence
definition of strategic vorsus to etianlar and as to the intelligence
definition of strategic versus tactical as used in your memorandum we would define these as follows:
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a. V	Ve consider mi	ssions of a ta	actical nature
to be those whic	h are flown aga	ainst targets	in the geographical
$\mathtt{area}$ of a theate:	r commander s	o as to requi	re timely readout
of intelligence d	ata and reprod	uction of film	in support of
theater planning	and strike pre	paredness.	Those IDEALIST
Missions listed	in COMOR-D-2	25/46 against	Laos. North
Vietnam, South	China, North K	orea and the	Taiwan Straits
would fall int <u>o t</u> l	nis category an	d are recomi	mended to be
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We would consider missions of a strategic and the nature to be those for which the theater commander does not have a need either for immediate intelligence information or duplicate film and for which he has a longer planning time available. Those missions listed in COMOR-D-25/46 against Central and North China, the Sino-Indian border, and Southwest China would fall into this category and would not require immediate processing or readout in the theater and therefore could be processed in a ZI facility.

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The policy whereby the field facility at is tasked to provide only those duplicates required for CINCPAC Commands with all other duplicates being provided by AFSSPL, or the contract laboratory, is considered to be the best arrangement to support the area commands. We would recommend that when are processed that the Priority I copy with be reproduced at the contract processing

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laboratory or AFSSPL in the ZI.

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It is recognized that it may not be possible to follow in 3. every case the assignment of a mission to a processing facility in accordance with our definitions and recommendations above; however, in order to insure that instructions are passed and planning effected prior to delivery of the mission, designation of a processing facility should be made as soon as possible. This is particularly critical when a field facility is utilized for IDEALIST Missions, since notification of objectives for readout must be provided, appropriate security instructions must be stated, instructions for distribution and publication of readout must be provided, and field duping requirements must be stated. In addition, early designation of the field processing facility will allow us time to insure that work schedules are established to preclude any delay. This notification should take place as a minimum 48 hours in advance of alert on the mission and sooner if practicable.

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